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water, milk, etc., unless the same have been previously boiled. The county government also most urgently recommends the boiling of water before using it for drinking, cooking, and washing. According to a publication of the county government, the common source of infection is alleged to be the supply of water from the waterworks.

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Report from Berlin—Plague and cholera in various countries.

BERLIN, GERMANY, *September 30, 1901.*

SIR : I have the honor to transmit herewith the following information obtained from the imperial health office at Berlin :

Plague.

TURKEY.—On September 15 a case of bubonic plague was reported at Skutari, and the patient has since died.

EGYPT.—From September 6 to September 12, there occurred in the whole of Egypt 11 cases of plague with 6 deaths, the same being distributed as follows : Alexandria, 6 cases, 3 deaths ; Port Said, 2 new cases, 3 deaths ; Mit Gamr, 2 cases, no deaths ; Benha, 1 new case, no death.

BRITISH EAST INDIA.—During the week ended August 23, 4,288 new plague cases with 3,037 deaths were registered in the Bombay Presidency—that is to say, 454 more cases and 170 more deaths than during the foregoing week. In the city of Bombay during the week ended August 24 there were 206 persons attacked with bubonic plague, and 206 deaths from that disease. Including those deaths designated as suspected plague the total number of deaths (*a*) from plague during the week amounted to 404. The total number of cases from all causes in the city of Bombay has increased steadily during the last four weeks from 796 to 909.

JAPAN.—In Formosa, during the period from January 1 to July 20 of the present year, 4,228 cases of plague and 3,348 deaths have been reported to the Japanese authorities.

Plague and cholera.

BRITISH INDIA.—During the period from August 11 to August 17, 7 persons died of cholera in Calcutta and in the same place there occurred 23 cases of bubonic plague with 20 deaths.

CAPE COLONY.—During the week ended August 24, 8 fresh cases of plague were registered at Port Elizabeth.

Respectfully,

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a In the city.